GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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STORAGE TANKS AT PETROL PUMPS
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the storage tanks fitted at the petrol pumps are not actually caliberated and are geomatrically caliberated at the time of manufacturing;

(b) if so, whether there are always apprehension for the variation in the tank quantity because of the change of level after the fitting of such tanks;

(c) if so, whether some study has been conducted which can reflect the maximum variation in the quantity of product stored in such tanks;

(d) if not, the reasons for not considering the above mentioned two factors while conducting the inspection on the retail outlets and calculating these approximate stock figures; and;

(e) the time by which such irregularities are to be stopped?

Answer

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(a) : The storage tanks and their fittings are factory made to standard dimensions as per Bureau of Indian Standards and are mathematically (geometrically) calibrated and not actually (physically) calibrated.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) to (e) : During the inspections carried out at retail outlets, stock reconciliation is carried out taking into consideration permissible variation in operation level of + 4% of tank stocks. For any established irregularities Oil Marketing Companies, take action as per the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and/or Dealership agreement conditions.